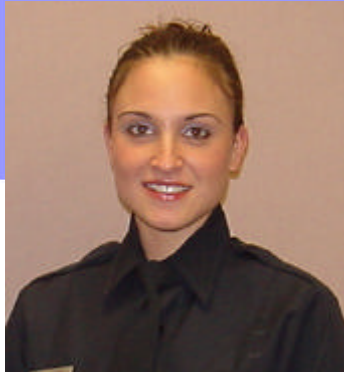


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Crash Investigation

By Recruit McNally

Throughout the week, the recruits learned about crash investigations. The course taught them about when they are required to report traffic crashes. They also learned about crash scene management and basic crash investigation. This includes interviews, measurements, and checking vehicle factors, such as seat positions. They



learned that short-lived evidence is crucial to crash investigations and that it must be collected immediately. Vehicle damage was also stressed throughout the course as a way to determine the cause of vehicle collisions.

On the final day of crash investigations, the recruits participated in some hands-on activities. They learned how to measure crash scene details, such as

the radii on intersection corners, so they could make a sketch of the scene. After they took all of the necessary measurements, they transferred their rough sketches into scale drawings using stencils. They also completed MV4000 crash investigation forms for two different types of crashes. They finished the course by completing a written exam on Wednesday afternoon.



Picture Of The Week

Photograph by Recruit Glejf

Sergeant De Frang is caught on camera a moment before breaking boards during Martial Arts class.



Martial Arts

By Recruit Schaal

On Thursday, the third recruit class finished their martial arts training with Mr. Cahoon. The final martial arts class was a memorable one, for many reasons. The class started with a review of some techniques, and then moved into board breaking. The recruits broke two, 1-inch thick boards, using any of the striking techniques learned, and

had the option of breaking each board individually or together. One-by-one, they took their turns, leaving only splinters in their wake. Unfortunately, at the time of this writing, there were two confirmed casualties. Recruits Jentzsch and Schaal both broke their hands while breaking two boards.

In the second half of the night, recruits took their turn on

the mat with Mr. Cahoon for two minutes of full contact sparring. Everyone survived the match and with it, completed the class. Most importantly, each recruit has developed a fundamental understanding of the martial arts, which can be used as a springboard into more advanced techniques. Thanks Mr. Cahoon!



PC Arrest & Control

By Recruit Olson

On Monday, the recruits were challenged with a fifteen-minute fight, followed by a five-minute circle drill in which the recruits had to block oncoming punches from other recruits. The fifteen-minute fight encompassed all of the techniques learned during PC Arrest and Control, which was taught by Sergeant Hefti and Sergeant Llanas. The techniques

learned during PC Arrest and Control supplement the techniques learned in Defensive and Arrest Tactics. The recruits now have more options when dealing with a resistive subject.

The recruits found the fifteen minutes to be very physically challenging, but they realized that with the proper mindset, they could withstand the time and continue to be effective in self-

defense. The fight was one-on-one, with a fresh recruit entering the fight every minute and a half. Not only were new, fresh recruits added into the mix, but some also brought training batons, guns, or knives into the fight with them. The recruits were allowed to have music of their choice played in the background in order to help them stay motivated throughout the fight.



Ethics & Crowd Control

By Recruit Salbego

Lieutenant Marcou, of the La Crosse Police Department, came back and instructed the recruits' last session on ethics. During the class, the recruits discussed "The Vortex," an article/interview about a police officer who was involved in a cover-up of the beating death of a black motorist. They discussed the ethical issues involved in the police officer's decisions and related



handled those riots. Lt. Marcou discussed certain tactical issues in dealing with unruly crowds.

The recruits then moved to the multi-purpose room where Lt. Marcou taught some basic crowd control tactics that the La Crosse Police Department uses. The recruits used 26" wooden batons and learned certain hand signals and formations. The recruits appreciate the time and knowledge that Lt. Marcou has devoted to them throughout the academy.



them to the everyday decisions they may have to make in the future.

The second half of the session dealt with crowd control. The recruits watched a few videos depicting several riots, one of which depicted the Coon Creek Riots that erupted in La Crosse during the early 1990's. La Crosse became a known national leader in crowd control tactics due to the way they



African-American & Native American Communities

By Recruit Rousseau

Thursday morning was spent learning about different cultures that are present in the communities that we will be serving. During the first half of the morning, we learned about the African-American Community. Major Price, from the Wisconsin State Patrol, talked with the recruits about his experiences as an African-American police officer. The recruits then discussed the im-

portance of effective communication and respect between African-Americans and the police.



Mr. Blackdeer, the vice president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, talked to the recruits about the Native American Community. They learned about the different clans in the Ho-Chunk Nation and how each plays a vital role in the community. Mr. Blackdeer introduced the recruits to some of his cultural traditions and explained the importance of respect between Native Americans and police officers.